

CLAIMS

1. A tool, comprising
a first jaw;
a second jaw; and
an actuator to move said first jaw relative to said second jaw;
wherein said first jaw includes a retainer for a fastener.
2. The tool of claim 1, wherein the tool is a clamp.
3. The tool of claim 1, wherein one of said jaws remains stationary.
4. The tool of claim 1, wherein one of said jaws is unitary with said actuator.
5. The tool of claim 1, wherein said jaws are removable.
6. The tool of claim 1, wherein said second jaw includes an opening aligned with said retainer in said first jaw to allow a fastener to extend therethrough.
7. The tool of claim 1, wherein said actuator is hand-operated.
8. The tool of claim 1, wherein said actuator is machine-operated.
9. The tool of claim 1, wherein said actuator includes a threaded shaft.

10. A tool for securing a P clamp to a mounting location, comprising:
a first jaw;
a second jaw; and
an actuator to move said first jaw relative to said second jaw;
wherein said first jaw includes a retainer for a fastener.
11. The tool of claim 10, wherein the tool is a clamp.
12. The tool of claim 10, wherein one of said jaws remains stationary.
13. The tool of claim 10, wherein one of said jaws is unitary with said actuator.
14. The tool of claim 10, wherein said jaws are removable.
15. The tool of claim 10, wherein said second jaw includes an opening aligned with said retainer in said first jaw to allow a fastener to extend therethrough.
16. The tool of claim 10, wherein said actuator is hand-operated.
17. The tool of claim 10, wherein said actuator is machine-operated.
18. The tool of claim 10, wherein said actuator includes a threaded shaft.

19. A method of attaching a clamp to an object, comprising the steps of:
- providing a tool with a first jaw having a retainer for a fastener, a second jaw, and an actuator to move said first jaw relative to said second jaw;
 - placing a first fastener in said retainer;
 - locating said clamp between said jaws;
 - manipulating said actuator to tighten said clamp; and
 - securing a second fastener to said first fastener.
20. The method of claim 19, wherein said locating step includes placing the object between said jaws.